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SUBJ: FY75 EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL PROGRAM

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FOLLOWING ARE MISSION NOMINATIONS FOR PROLINK PROGRAM,
TOGETHER WITH ALTERNATES. DETAILED JUSTIFICATIONS AND
BIO BEING POUCHED FEBRUARY 13.

1. GEOFF MPKAKATI: 35, PRINTER ART AND MUSIC
IMPRESSARIO.

ACADEMIC TRAINING: MATRICULATION

JUSTIFICATION:

ALTHOUGH EMPLOYED AS PRINTER BY FIRM OF QUANTITY
SURVEYORS,MPHAKATI IS LEADING ORGANIZER OF BLACK ART
EXHIBITIONS IN PRETORIA AREA, AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
DISCOVERY AND SUPPORT OF EMERGING YOUNG BLACK ARTISTS.
HIS EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL TO U.S. UNDER PROLINK WOULD SERVE
AS EXCELLENT FOLLOW-UP TO SOUTH AFRICA VISIT LAST YEAR
BY STAG ART PROFESSOR, JAMES LEWIS OF MORGAN STATE
COLLEGE,BALTIMORE. LEWIS WORKED CLOSELY WITH
MPHAKATI DURING VISIT AND THEY HAVE CORRESPONDED SINCE.
MPHAKTI ALSO ACTS AS IMPRESSARIO FOR LEADING SA JAZZ
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GROUP, "DASHIKI" AND FOR NEARLY THREE YEARS HAS SERVED

AS PRESIDENT OF PRETORIA MUSIC APPRECIATION SOCIETY ORGANIZING MONTHLY PROGRAM AT U.S. EMBASSY FEATURING LIVE PERFORMING GROUPS OF YOUNG MUSICIANS. THESE PROGRAMS HAVE ATTRACTED YOUTH LEADERS OF ALL RACES. AN ARTICULATE SPOKESMAN, MPHAKATI IS DEVOTED TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AND COULD MAKE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING US AND SA.

2. MISS EUNA E. KULP: 33, HOTEL MANAGER.

JUSTIFICATION:

ONLY FEMALE HOTEL MANAGER IN CAPE TOWN, EFFICIENTLY ADMINISTERS LANDDROST HOTEL, THE LEADING HOTEL FOR COLOREDS IN CAPE TOWN.

SHE IS CAPABLE, RESPECTED PROFESSIONALLY IN MANAGERIAL RANKS, AND IS CERTAINLY TOP BLACK FEMALE IN HER PROFESSION. EXPOSURE TO AMERICAN MANAGEMENT WOULD BROADEN HER EXPERIENCE IN MODERN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND THEREBY ADVANCE OPPORTUNITY FOR HER TO PLAY INCREASINGLY SIGNIFICANT ROLE IF FURTHERING BLACK PROGRESS IN AREAS OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT IN S.A.

3. MR. THULANI ALBERT MKHIZE: 35; HEADMASTER, SECONDARY SCHOOL, KWAMASHU.

ACADEMIC TRAINING: B.A. HONS. IN PSYCHOLOGY

JUSTIFICATION:

DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH IMPROVING EDUCATION FOR BLACKS AND FEELS STRONGLY ABOUT LACK OF COUNSELLING FACILITIES FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS BY QUALIFIED BLACK PSYCHOLOGISTS, HE RAPIDLY BUILDING EXCELLENT REPUTATION FOR HIS SCHOOL.

VERY ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, HE EAGER TO LEARN MORE ABOUT MODERN EDUCATION AND COUNSELLING SYSTEMS. HE CONFIDENT THAT ONCE A BRNACH OF KWAZULU UNIVERSITY ESTABLISHED HIS AREA, HE WILL BE ABLE HAVE SCHOOL/PUPIL COUNSELLING SERVICE PUT INTO OPERATION FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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BENEFIT OF SCHOOLS.

4. MR. ENOCH M. GUWA: 36; REGIONAL EDITOR OF IMVO ZABANTSUNDU,

WEEKLY PAPER PUBLISHED IN EASTERN CAPE, WITH READERSHIP OF 56,000 (APPROX. HALF ENGLISH, HALF XHOSA).

ACEDOMIC TRAINING: MATRICULATION

JUSTIFICATION:

VETERAN JOURNALISM PROFESSIONAL, REPORTEDLY HEADED FOR TOP EDITORIAL JOB IN NEAR FUTURE, HE IS RELIABLE AND CREATIVE. JOURNALISM INTERSHIP WOULD BENEFIT HIM PROFESSIONALLY AND PERSONALLY.

5. THOMAS MOLETE: 34; BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER FOR BARCLAY'S BANK.

ACADEMIC TRAINING: BANKER'S INSTITUTE EXAM (4 YEARS)

JUSTIFICATION:

FIRST BLACK TO BE APPOINTED TO POSITION OF SUCH RESPONSIBILITY IN SOUTH AFRICA, HE WOULD BENEFIT ENORMOUSLY FROM EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES WITH AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

ALTERNATES:

MONDLI MAWETHU KUNENE: AFRICAN PERSONNEL OFFICER AT BRUPLY CAPE LIMITED (TIMBER FIRM) WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR OVER 2,000 AFRICAN AND 1,000 COLORED WORKERS.

DAVID PETER DANIELS: FINALS YEAR STUDENT FOR M.A. IN URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING. LASO FIRST BLACK TOWN PLANNING ASSISTANT, CAPE TOWN CITY COUNCIL.

MR. MARIMUTH SUBRAMONEY: INDAIN JOURNALIST WITH DAILY NEWS.

MS. CECILIA M. XULU: SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER IN KWAZULU GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.
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EDWARD WHITBY: PERSONNEL OFFICER OF PHILLIPS LIMITED, WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR 450 BLACK AND WHITE PERSONNEL.
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